

the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5576) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

LIMITING AMENDMENTS DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5576, TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 5576 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 865, notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except:

pro forma amendments offered at any point in the reading by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate;

an amendment by Ms. HARRIS or Mr. DAVIS of Alabama regarding funding for Public Housing Capital Fund, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;

an amendment by Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts regarding funding limitation on tenant-based section 8 vouchers, which shall be debatable for 20 minutes;

an amendment by Mr. YOUNG of Alaska regarding funding for certain highway projects in Illinois;

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an amendment by Mr. KUCINICH regarding certain IRS enforcement activities;

an amendment by Mr. AL GREEN of Texas regarding funding for the HUD-FHIP program;

an amendment by Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California regarding funding for the HUD Community Development Fund;

an amendment by Mr. THOMAS regarding section 209 of this bill;

an amendment by Mr. NADLER regarding the funding level for tenant-based section 8 vouchers;

an amendment by Mr. INSLEE regarding funding level for the Public Housing Capital Fund;

an amendment by Mr. NADLER regarding the funding level for the HOPWA program;

an amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas to change the funding availability for the HOME downpayment assistance program;

an amendment by Mr. JINDAL to make eligible certain individuals for HUD project-based rental assistance;

an amendment by Ms. HARRIS regarding funding levels for the HUD Elderly and Disabled program;

an amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding eligibility for HUD elderly housing;

an amendment by Ms. SLAUGHTER regarding the funding level for HUD lead-based paint activities;

an amendment by Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD regarding Election Assistance College Poll Work Program;

an amendment by Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts regarding section 325 of this bill;

an amendment by Ms. WATERS regarding funding for HUD section 108 loan guarantee program;

an amendment by Mr. SHAYS regarding the Privacy and Civil Liberties Board;

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an amendment by Ms. HOOLEY regarding funding for HIDTA program;

an amendment by Mrs. MALONEY regarding the Privacy and Civil Liberties Board;

an amendment by Mr. WYNN regarding funding level for OPM administrative expense;

an amendment by Mr. BAIRD regarding funding limitation on transportation projects that fail to comply with section 1928 of SAFETEA-LU;

an amendment by Mr. BISHOP of New York regarding the 10th anniversary of TWA Flight 800;

an amendment by Mr. CLEAVER regarding item No. 87 of section 1702 of SAFETEA-LU;

an amendment by Mr. CUELLAR regarding limitation on obligations;

an amendment by Ms. DELAURO regarding funding limitation on corporate expatriation;

an amendment by Mr. DOOLITTLE regarding funding limitation on FEC certifications;

an amendment by Mr. ENGEL regarding funding limitation on purchase of alternative fuel vehicles;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail in California;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on Fairfax County Virginia Park Authority field improvements in Annandale, Virginia;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on Strand Theater Arts Center in Plattsburg, New York;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on William Faulkner Museum in Oxford, Mississippi;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on multipurpose facility in Yucaupa, California;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on renovations to a city-owned pool in Banning, California;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on Agricenter Interchange in Tulare, California;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on Fairmont Gateway Connector System in West Virginia;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on road improvements in Monroe County, New York;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on the Bakersfield Beltway system in California;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on construction on the Spirit of South Carolina in Charleston;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on facilities construction in Weirton, West Virginia;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on construction of an Audubon Nature Center in Columbus, Ohio;

an amendment by Mr. FLAKE regarding funding limitation on religious activities in Cuba;

an amendment by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey regarding travel to overseas conferences;

an amendment by Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey regarding a study on State transportation funding;

an amendment by Mr. GORDON regarding funding limitation on energy efficiency;

an amendment by Mr. HASTINGS of Florida regarding TRACON consolidation in high-threat urban areas;

an amendment by Mr. HEFLEY regarding reduction of funds;

an amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding denial of noise mitigation grants;

an amendment by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas regarding regulations on noise mitigation;

an amendment by Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota regarding funding limitation on FTA ratings system on the Northstar Corridor Rail project;

an amendment by Mr. KING of Iowa regarding funding limitation on naming of certain public works projects or programs;

an amendment by Mr. KING of Iowa regarding funding limitation on contracting practices based on racial preferences;

an amendment by Mr. KING of Iowa regarding funding limitation on construction of a center in Los Angeles;

an amendment by Mr. KIRK regarding funding limitation on certain bridge construction in Alaska;

an amendment by Ms. LEE regarding funding limitation on restrictions on education travel to Cuba;

an amendment by Mr. LIPINSKI regarding funding for rail line relocation program;

an amendment by Mr. MCHENRY regarding funding limitation on an interchange located at exit 131 in Catawba County, North Carolina;

an amendment by Mr. MORAN of Kansas regarding funding limitation on restrictions on agricultural trade with Cuba;

an amendment by Mr. OBERSTAR regarding funding limitation on implementation of a final rule on certain air carriers;

an amendment by Mr. RANGEL regarding funding limitation on enforcement of economic embargo of Cuba;

an amendment by Mr. TIAHRT regarding competitiveness of U.S. businesses;

an amendment by Mr. TIAHRT regarding IRS services; and

an amendment or amendments by Mr. KNOLLENBERG regarding funding in the bill.

Each such amendment may be offered only by the Member named in this request or a designee, or by the Member who caused it to be printed in the RECORD or a designee, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment except that the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations and the Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies each may offer one pro forma amendment for the purpose of debate; and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

Except as otherwise specified, each amendment shall be debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. An amendment shall be considered to fit the description stated in this request if it addresses in whole or in part the object described.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I simply under the reservation would like to point out to the House that if this is strictly adhered to, there are 67 amendments that are provided for under this UC request. It will take approximately 11 hours just for the debate time, not allowing for slippage, not allowing for other Members yielding or the natural sliding that we have in the House. That means that it will take at least 13 to 14 hours to finish these amendments plus the time that is needed for voting.

Assuming that only one-third of these amendments are put to a record vote, we could have a total of around 16 to 17 hours before this bill is finished. That will certainly take us through tonight, all of tomorrow, and well into Friday and perhaps beyond. So I would ask Members to again think through whether or not they feel the need to offer every one of these amendments. If they are, we will be here for a long, long time with other competing business being squeezed to the end of the week.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 865 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 5576.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5576) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, with Mr. DREIER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, a request for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GARY G. MILLER) had been postponed and the bill had been read through page 74, line 5.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except those specified in the previous order of the House of today, which is at the desk.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MS. MILLENDER-MCDONALD

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment offered by Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD:

Page 73, line 8, insert after the first dollar amount the following: “(reduced by \$250,000)”.

Page 190, line 10, insert after the first dollar amount the following: “(increased by \$250,000)”.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the gentleman from California and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to offer this amendment to the Transportation-Treasury Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2007, to provide more funding for the training of college students to be poll workers.

As ranking member on the Committee on House Administration, I am pleased that the Appropriations Committee fully funded the budget request for the Election Assistance Commission, commonly referred to as EAC.

I am also pleased that the committee report suggests that \$250,000 of the EAC's funding be allocated to the College Worker's Poll Grant Program, authorized by the Help America Vote Act, HAVA.

However, Mr. Chairman, I do believe that this funding is not sufficient to meet the critical challenges facing the administration of elections in this country.

I am offering this amendment to increase the funding.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Chairman, I would be happy to accept your amendment.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD).

The amendment was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

HEALTH INSURANCE TAX CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

For expenses necessary to implement the health insurance tax credit included in the Trade Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-210), \$14,846,000.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS—INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 201. Not to exceed 5 percent of any appropriation made available in this Act to the Internal Revenue Service or not to exceed 3 percent of appropriations under the heading “Enforcement” may be transferred to any other Internal Revenue Service appropriation upon the advance approval of the Committees on Appropriations.

SEC. 202. The Internal Revenue Service shall maintain a training program to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are trained in taxpayers' rights, in dealing courteously with taxpayers, and in cross-cultural relations.

SEC. 203. The Internal Revenue Service shall institute and enforce policies and procedures that will safeguard the confidentiality of taxpayer information.

SEC. 204. Funds made available by this or any other Act to the Internal Revenue Service shall be available for improved facilities and increased manpower to provide sufficient and effective 1-800 help line service for taxpayers. The Commissioner shall continue to make the improvement of the Internal Revenue Service 1-800 help line service a priority and allocate resources necessary to increase phone lines and staff to improve the Internal Revenue Service 1-800 help line service.

SEC. 205. Of the funds made available by this Act to the Internal Revenue Service, not less than \$166,249,000 shall be available for operating expenses of the Taxpayer Advocate Service, of which not less than \$166,101,000 shall be made available from the “Taxpayer Services” account and \$148,000 shall be made available from the “Operations Support” account.

SEC. 206. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act or source in this or any future fiscal year may be used to develop or provide taxpayers with free individual income tax